



AIEE - Activity Report 2007

In 2007 our Association has developed various activities at four institutional levels.

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

In June 2007 as you all know the AIEE organised in Florence the 9th IAEE European Energy Conference "Energy Markets and Sustainability in a Larger Europe". From the point of view of its organisation and content the conference was a great success.

The Conference was structured in 5 Plenary Sessions in which participated important and distinguished invited speakers among which I'd like to mention: Ana Palacio, Richard F. Guerrant, Claude Mandil, David Nissen, Eberhard Jochem, Roberto Vigotti, Fabrizio Barbaso, Hans Jørgen Koch.

The Conference Call for papers received more than 400 abstracts of contributed papers of which 270 were selected and presented in the Conference in 49 parallel sessions.

350 delegates from 25 countries discussed the new challenges a larger Europe faces as regards energy: its increasing dependence from outside, its security of supply and uncertainty of costs; sustainability and the difficulties in homogenizing the energy markets in the very heterogeneous Member countries.

The conference had a very rich content debating a whole range of up-to-date energy issues and at the same time offered the participants a unique opportunity to see Florence cultural heritage and to visit exceptional museums and galleries. Social events were organized in famous historical places: a welcome cocktail on the roof terrace of Hotel Baglioni, the gala dinner at the Pitti Palace and the Awards Ceremony at Palazzo Vecchio which gave the Conference a particular atmosphere and prestige.

The AIEE organized also 10 national and workshops in Rome, Milan and other Italian cities, on current energy topics as Emission trading, biofuels, the national energy context, energy efficiency in industry and in the building sector, energy administration and regulation and the energy market liberalization.

It also organised the presentation in Rome and Milan of a new volume of the AIEE collection issued in 2007 "The Development of the Italian Electricity Market".

Education and Training courses

The AIEE continued the successful organisation of the Master in Energy and Environmental Management together with the University of Rome - Department of Engineering that arrived at its 6th edition .

Our educational activity now is very well known and much appreciated in Italy and abroad and the AIEE teachers are often asked to contribute to other special training courses in energy, organized by various institutions.

Last year the AIEE was contacted by the Link Campus University of Malta who proposed us to organise together a new Master course, an International MBA in Management of Energy and Environment, for Mediterranean countries.

The Master is an annual course, with intensive teaching. The formal courses (for about 450 hours) will last about six months. Classes will be held at the Link Campus facilities. The teaching period will be followed by 4 to 6 months devoted to working stages at energy companies and institutions and to the preparation of a thesis. The Master is directed to University graduates from Mediterranean countries; some of its modules may also be opened to personnel from institutions and companies of the energy sector who wish to update and specialise in certain specific fields.

Many important Italian and foreign companies have already shown great interest in our initiative. We are presently working on its organization and promotion and intend to start the courses at the beginning of November.

Studies and Services

In 2007 AIEE made important research studies requested by some of its member Institutions.

I'd like to mention:

- Forecast of revenues from a renewable power plant in Italy for the period 2008-2015
- An inventory of possible actions to reduce and absorb the greenhouse gas emissions in the area of Rome
- Impact of the National Allocation Plan 2008-2012 on the market price of electricity - analysis with a model Markal-Times
- The evolution of the gas demand and supply: a critical analysis

At the beginning of 2007 AIEE together with other partners concluded the project of the European Commission called "EUSUSTEL - European Sustainable Electricity Comprehensive Analysis of Future European Demand and Generation of European Electricity and its Security of Supply", in which AIEE coordinated the demand side aspects.

Information, Publications and Relationship with its members

The AIEE continued the publication of its monthly Newsletter "Energy and Economy" and of the quarterly "Letter on Energy" and cooperated with various magazines and newspapers specialized in energy issues.

The number of the AIEE members remained almost unchanged in 2007 as compared with 2006, the number of withdrawn members and new members being almost the same.

In March 2007 the AIEE created its new "Student Section" that has now almost 40 members. A lot of young people interested in energy enjoyed the opportunity to take part in the AIEE activities and were happy to join the association.

The General Assembly of the AIEE May, 2007 confirmed Edgardo Curcio as President and C.A. Bollino as Vice President.

In 2007 AIEE also became a partner of the project Sustainable Energy Europe 2005-2008, a European campaign to raise awareness and change the landscape of energy

The Sustainable Energy Europe 2005-2008 Campaign contributes to the achievement of EU energy policy goals and targets in the fields of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and clean transport and alternative fuels.

The objectives of the Sustainable Energy Europe 2005-2008 Campaign are to raise the awareness of decision-makers (at local, regional, national and European level), spread best-practice, ensure a strong level of public awareness, understanding and support, and stimulate the necessary trends towards an increase in private investment in sustainable energy technologies by encouraging the commitment of Partners from local to European levels.

In this context, the AIEE and the Energy Foundation, created in 2005, continue their activity meant to develop a correct information and appropriate communication in the energy field. They promote energy education and specialised courses and support new energy projects and studies stimulating the energy research activity.

In 2007 the Energy Foundation created an award for "Sustainable Energy Development", to be assigned to a person, company or institution for outstanding contribution towards sustainable energy development . The prize seeks to recognize and reward those institutions or professionals that can demonstrate the most imaginative and joined-up approach to the social, environmental and economic dimensions of sustainable development.